

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM ___1030-063

Delegation of Authority Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000, As Amended

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to delegate authority within the Department to implement the provisions of the Biomass Research and Development Act of 2000, as amended (7 USC 8601 et seq.) herein referred to as "BRDA".

2. DELEGATIONS

I hereby delegate authorities vested in the Secretary by BRDA to the Under Secretary for Rural Development for implementation of the BRDA for FY2007 funding activities and for all prior year post-award activities. The Under Secretary for Rural Development will be the point of contact referenced in the BRDA for the Department.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION

This delegation is effective immediately and will remain in effect for 1 year or until such earlier time as the Department's published delegation of authority has been amended to incorporate the provisions of this memorandum.

MIKE JOHANNS

Secretary